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SIXTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
ASSESSORS, SELECTMEN, AUDITOR
AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE
TOWN OF SEARSPORT

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 7

1910

THE THOS. W. BURR PRINTING CO.
BANGOR, MAINE



MAR 24 1911

The Warrant

TO ELMER WEBSTER, A CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF SEARSPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF WALDO, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required by law, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Searsport, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the 7th day of March, instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen and Assessors as printed.

Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the report of the Auditor of town accounts as printed.

Art. 5. To see if the town will accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools as printed.

Art. 6. To choose three or more Selectmen.

Art. 7. To choose Assessors of Taxes.

Art. 8. To choose Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 9. To choose a Town Agent.

Art. 10. To choose a Town Treasurer.

Art. 11. To choose an Auditor of Town Accounts.

Art. 12. To choose Constables.

Art. 13. To choose a Road Commissioner, and to see what compensation he shall be allowed: or to choose Highway Surveyors.

Art. 14. To choose Surveyors of Sawed Lumber.

Art. 15. To choose Surveyor of Wood and Bark.

Art. 16. To choose Surveyors of Spars and Timber.

Art. 17. To choose Fire Wards.

Art. 18. To choose Fence Viewers.

Art. 19. To choose Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Art. 20. To choose Sealers of Leather.

Art. 21. To choose Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Art. 22. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the Free High School.

Art. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools.

Art. 24. To see if the town will raise \$200 for the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 25. To see how much money the town will raise for furnishing desks for Schools.

Art. 26. To see how much money the town will raise for School supplies and incidentals.

Art. 27. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing heating plant in Union School House and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 28. To see how much money the town will raise for text books for schools.

Art. 29. To see how much money the town will raise to repair school houses.

Art. 30. To choose a member of the School Committee to serve two years.

Art. 31. To choose a member of the School Committee to serve three years.

Art. 32. To choose a Truant Officer.

Art. 33. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of poor and other town expenses.

Art. 34. To see how much money the town will raise to repair highways and bridges, and how much to allow per hour for labor.

Art. 35. To see how much money the town will raise to repair sidewalks.

Art. 36. To see how much money the town will raise to pay for road breaking and how much per hour the past winter.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to install four new electric street lights at \$15 per light per year to be located as follows: One on Mt. Ephraim Road near the residence of E. L. Savery:

One near the blacksmith shop of J. B. Ames: One on Nichols Street near the residence of Wilson West: and one on Station Street; on condition that the Searsport Elec. Co. will replace the present lamps of 32 candle power with tungsten lamps of 60 candle power, on the Main Road, by the first of June inst. at the same price, the company having the right to replace the side street lights with the present 32 candle power lamps, till present supplies, consisting of 33 lamps are used. Thereafter the entire system will be 60 candle power.

Art. 38. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to locate and maintain an electric street light on Reservoir St., near the residence of C. A. Whittier.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to take of the Searsport Electric Co., the incandescent electric lights located, at a cost not to exceed fifteen dollars per light per year, and how much money the town will raise therefor.

Art. 40. To see if the town will raise \$400 for State Road.

Art. 41. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills against the town to persons who owe the town for taxes.

Art. 42. To see if the town will raise fifty dollars for a Memorial Service.

Art. 43. To see how much money the town will raise to pay for the use of Hydrants the coming year.

Art. 44. To hear the report of the Fire Department.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to maintain the present Hose Company, and if so how much per hour, or year, or both, and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 46. To see if the town will allow discount on taxes paid on or before the first day of August next, and how much on or before Jan. 1, '11, and if allowed how much money it will raise for discount.

Art. 47. To see if the town will fix a date when the taxes for 1910, shall be paid in full.

Art. 48. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

Art. 49. To see if the town will build a plank walk from Main Street to the residence of H. G. Curtis and how much money it will raise therefor.

Art. 50. To see if the town will accept a road $3\frac{1}{2}$ rods wide built by Edmund Ames leading from Ames Road to Swanville Road.

Art. 51. To see what action the town will take in disposing of the old Hearse House and Jail.

Art. 52. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to move the Stone Watering Trough at the Smart Block to Prospect Street

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday the 5th day of March, instant, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport this 25th day of Feb., A. D. 1910.

FRANK I. MORTLAND,	}	Selectmen
CLIFTON WHITTUM,		of
JAMES P. NICHOLS,		Searsport, Me.

Report of Assessors

Valuation of real estate, resident,	\$ 390,768 00
real estate, non-resident,	171,120 00
personal estate, resident,	150,433 00
personal estate, non-resident	10,675 00
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Total valuation,	\$722,996 00

Number of polls,	316
Rate of taxation,	.022

The following amounts were assessed on the polls and estate of resident proprietors, and on the estate of non-resident proprietors in the town of Searsport for the year 1909, to be collected in cash by the Collector of said town, for the following purposes :

For free high school,	\$ 500 00
common schools,	1,500 00
text books,	150 00
repairs on school houses,	450 00
support of poor and other town expenses,	2,000 00
repairs of highways and bridges,	2,500 00
repairs of sidewalks,	400 00
breaking road the past winter,	700 00
State road,	124 00
Memorial services,	50 00
electric lights,	495 00
Water Co.,	1,280 00
circulating library,	10 00
repairs on Old Town House,	250 00
Hose Co.,	200 00
road to John Closson's,	250 00
discount on taxes,	1,300 00

For 500 ft. of hose,	250 00
Harbor Hose House,	200 00
Superintendent of Schools,	200 00
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	\$12,809 00
County tax,	1,169 10
State tax,	2,236 94
Overlay,	638 87
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	\$16,853 91
Fractions in assessments,	48
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	\$16,854 39
Supplementary tax,	60 00
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	\$16,914 39

ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS

Real estate valued at \$561,888 at .022,	\$12,361 53
Personal estate valued at \$161,108 at .022,	3,544 38
316 polls at \$3.00,	948 00
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	\$16,853 91
Fractions in assessments,	48
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	\$16,854 39
Supplementary tax,	60 00
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	\$16,914 39

ABATEMENTS

On taxes of 1908, total abatement,	\$48 60
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Respectfully submitted.

FRANK I. MORTLAND,	} Assessors .
CLIFTON WHITTUM,	
JAMES P. NICHOLS,	
	of
	Searsport.

Report of Selectmen

RECORDS OF SCHOLARS AND ACCOUNTS OF SCHOOL FUNDS FOR 1909

No. of scholars, 343.

COMMON SCHOOLS

Amount raised by the town, last meeting,	\$1,500 00	
Mill tax and school fund from the State,	1,404 06	
Tuition in No. Searsport, fall term,	6 00	
Damage to books,	46	
	<hr/>	\$2,910 52
Teachers' salaries,	\$2,130 00	
Transportation,	513 00	
Tuition,	38 50	
Fuel,	157 60	
Janitor,	148 65	
Deficit from 1908,	1,311 78	
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Making an overdraft of		\$1,389 01

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Unexpended from last year,	\$338 70	
Raised by the town,	500 00	
State aid, balance from 1908,	125 00	
State aid for 1909,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,213 70
Teachers' salaries,		1,017 00
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Balance due High School,		\$ 196 70

BILLS ALLOWED BY SELECTMEN AND PAID BY THEIR ORDER ON THE TREASURER

COMMON SCHOOLS

Abbie Chase,	for teaching	weeks Nichols,	\$279 00
Lillias G. Ford,	"	" Harbor,	207 00
Ethel Dodge,	"	" Grammar,	298 00
Emma Davis,	"	" Grammar,	2 00
Emma Nickels,	"	" Mt. Eph.,	248 00
Priscilla Nickels,	"	" Porter,	248 00
Theadate Merithew,	"	" Primary,	90 00
Ava F. Kingsbury,	"	" No. Searsport,	248 00
Agnes A. Williams,	"	" Primary,	210 00
Ida B. McDonald,	"	" Intermediate,	210 00
Florence Scott,	"	" Intermediate,	90 00
S. S. Woods,	for conveying pupils to	Belfast,	6 00
J. W. Brock,	"	" Union School,	155 00
Ralph I. Mortland,	"	" "	50 00
Hollis F. Curtis,	"	" "	155 00
S. L. Ridley,	"	" "	147 00
W. E. Bowler,	janitor,		72 50
Arthur Young,	"		3 00
Hazel Smart,	"		3 00
Eugene Curtis,	"		3 00
Earl Kingsbury,	"		3 00
Myron Curtis,	"		5 00
James C. Hall,	"		10 60
Frank E. Hall,	"		3 00
Florence Smart,	"		3 60
Hermon Curtis,	"		4 00
Joseph Kingsbury,	"		3 60
Abbie Chase,	"		3 60
Charles Curtis,	cleaning No. 7,		3 50
Mrs. F. W. Smart,	cleaning No. 8,		5 00
W. E. Bowler,	cleaning Union school house,		17 00

W. E. Bowler, cleaning closet,	3 00
Benj. Chase, cleaning Nichols school house,	5 00
Dan'l Robertson, wood for No. 9,	45 00
L. C. Eaton, wood for No. 1,	15 00
W. E. Bowler, fitting wood for Union,	15 00
Charles Curtis, wood for No. 7,	18 00
Hazel Smart, " Mt. Eph.,	1 00
Mark C. Ward, " No. Searsport,	2 50
J. M. Ausplund, " Nichols,	5 25
John C. Averill, fitting wood,	8 00
E. C. Pike, wood for Nichols,	7 00
Arthur Young, fitting wood,	1 50
E. C. Pike, wood for Union,	4 00
B. Chase, fitting wood for Nichols,	75
Searsport Coal Co., coal for Union,	31 85
City of Belfast, tuition,	38 50
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	\$2,987 75

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

John A. Scott, as principal for 10 weeks,	\$200 00
Alfred C. Blake, " "	505 00
Frances E. Jose, asst. principal for 10 weeks,	100 00
Laura Trundy, " "	2 00
Joanna Colcord, " "	120 00
Louise Hall, " "	90 00
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	\$ 1,017 00

REPAIRS AND FURNISHINGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES

Clement & Adams, curtains for Union school house,	\$ 1 50
A. L. Mosman, labor on No. 7,	38 64
E. L. Savery, hauling rock to Union school house,	5 00
A. Stinson, repairs on No. 9,	7 74
A. E. Trundy, lumber for Union school house,	13 11
J. E. Wentworth, labor on Union school house,	2 33
H. G. Peaslee, repairs on Harbor school house, paid by Ins.,	29 37

A. L. Mosman, labor on Union school house,	12 60
Matthews Bros., part of fire escape,	2 90
F. N. Treat, labor on Union school house,	5 00
Geo. W. Partridge, lumber for Union school house,	31 00
J. E. Wentworth, labor on fire escape,	4 69
J. E. Wentworth, repairs on Union school house,	2 64
F. N. Treat, " "	5 00
J. H. Kneeland, lumber for No. 7,	6 34
Matthews Bros., lumber for Union school house,	23 20
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies for school house,	101 78
F. H. Park, repairs on No. 2,	2 75
Herbert Black, lumber for school houses,	7 92
A. E. Trundy, lumber for school houses,	59 00
Matthews Bros., lumber for Union school house,	1 45
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies for school houses,	5 86
O. Titherinton, fire escape,	23 32
A. E. Trundy, lumber for school houses,	8 00
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	\$401 14

NOTE—Received from Burflow Ins. Co., for damage
done by fire at Harbor school house, in above, \$ 29 37

SCHOOL BOOKS

American Book Co., bills for 1907-8 books,	\$ 17 34
Allyn & Bacon, "	2 32
American Book Co., "	33 65
Silver, Burdett & Co., "	43 55
Allyn & Bacon, "	7 17
Ginn & Co., "	36 49
Silver, Burdett & Co., "	1 85
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, "	13 67
Allyn & Bacon, "	1 44
Ginn & Co., "	5 17
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	\$162 65

ROADS AND SIDEWALKS

Paid Ausplund, J. M.	for labor on roads,	\$	10 72
Ausplund, A. A.	" "		20 40
Ausplund, Geo.	" "		20 00
Ames, Edmund J.	" "		52 60
Ames, W. H.	" "		38 80
Bullard, W. A.	" "		6 00
Brock, J. W.	" "		19 60
Bailey, E. O.	" "		3 00
Bradley, Eugene	" "		2 00
Black, Herbert	" "		100 00
Blake, E. K.	" "		22 75
Bowden, John	" "		4 90
Carr, A. N.	" "		4 00
Curtis, Hollis F.	" "		27 60
Curtis, Chas. U.	" "		35 40
Curtis, Fred H.	" "		16 60
Chase, B.	" "		4 80
Colson, Eli	" "		25 60
Clements, Edw. E.	" "		15 00
Cole, Fred E.	" "		5 50
Chisholm, C. A.	" "		24 00
Coleman, H. S.	" "		15 90
Carter, G. P.	" "		19 20
Cunningham, J. L.	" "		13 05
Cunningham, Albert	" "		7 00
Cunningham, Alphonso	" "		3 00
Downs, W. S.	" "		77 60
Dow, W. N.	" "		26 20
Dorr, Thomas E.	" "		24 10
Decrow, F. P.	" "		64 00
Dorr, C. A.	" "		10 00
Eames, C. A.	" "		19 80
Eaton, L. C.	" "		23 60
Foot, Manley	" "		9 20
Floyd, F. F.	" "		6 00

Paid Felker, H. H.	for labor on roads,	31 00
George, Will	" "	45 20
George, Levi D.	" "	23 40
Gilkey, C. H.	" "	11 00
Gilkey & Son, W. R.	" "	16 40
Grant, C. M.	" "	4 00
Howard, Ellsworth	" "	10 40
Hill, John	" "	36 00
Hill, C. F.	" "	50 80
Innes, John	" "	12 35
Jarrett, F. F.	" "	8 40
Keen, E. L.	" "	8 20
Kendell, J. W.	" "	4 00
Kneeland, J. O.	" "	16 00
Kneeland, J. H.	" "	9 40
Littlefield, John H.	" "	20 00
Lenfest, C. E.	" "	28 00
Mortland, F. I.	" "	86 20
Mortland, Ralph	" "	10 00
McCaffery, E. J.	" "	5 00
McCaslin, Henry	" "	13 60
Matthews, Chesley	" "	55 00
Matthews, W. J.	" "	27 40
Moody, W. S.	" "	31 50
Merrithew, Archie	" "	41 20
Merrithew, W. M.	" "	7 00
Maddocks, H.	" "	7 80
Marden, James E.	" "	43 90
Nickels, Melvin	" "	12 58
Nickels, James	" "	62 30
Nickerson, Louis	" "	20 90
Nickerson, W.	" "	24 00
Nickerson, M. H.	" "	25 40
Nickerson, S. G.	" "	10 00
Nickerson, C. A.	" "	27 20
Nickerson, Eugene A.	" "	66 40

Paid Nickerson, James M.	for labor on roads,	13 60
Nickerson, Joshua	" "	21 40
Nickerson, Delbert	" "	8 20
Nickerson, Sumner J.	" "	59 50
Nickerson, G. W.	" "	8 35
Nickerson, H. W.	" "	3 00
Nickerson, Warren	" "	5 70
Nickerson, David	" "	14 00
Porter, Timothy	" "	3 00
Porter, Mark	" "	13 00
Pendleton, A. S.	" "	8 70
Park, Melvin H.	" "	85
Partridge, Geo. W.	" "	62 85
Park, A. M.	" "	7 80
Parse, Nicholas	" "	40 00
Peaslee, M. H.	" "	32 40
Rich, Thomas	" "	5 50
Rice, W. P.	" "	8 00
Robertson, C. E.	" "	6 00
Robertson, Daniel	" "	11 50
Reed, H. A.	" "	11 00
Smart, F. W.	" "	1 40
Smart, W. D.	" "	40
Smart, Elden G.	" "	27 40
Smart, J. W.	" "	21 10
Smart, F. W.	" "	15 60
Sylvester, Geo. E.	" "	7 40
Sargent, E. A.	material and labor,	100 20
Sargent, W. P.	labor,	14 40
Sargent, Mial	"	25 80
Seekins, John	"	6 40
Seekins, Cliff	"	26 20
Stone, J. S.	"	11 20
Seekins, Chas. A.	"	14 80
Small, Fred A.	"	11 50
Stevens, G. H.	"	12 00

Paid Scribner, H. T.	labor,	6 00
Savery, E. L.	"	61 00
Scribner, P. L.	"	14 60
Towers, M. W.	"	22 00
Thompson, H. H.	"	15 40
Thompson, E. W.	"	22 60
Trundy, A. E.	"	11 10
Trundy, Chester M.	"	18 00
Verrill, M. J.	"	37 00
Whittum, Clifton	"	25 90
Ward, M. C.	"	36 00
Woods, Charles A.	"	90 63
Whitcomb, O. W.	"	16 90
West, W. N.	"	23 10
Webber, F. W.	"	12 00
Webber, B. E.	"	16 20
		<hr/> \$2,758 43

WINTER BREAKING

Paid Ausplund, J. M.	\$	2 40
Ames, E. J.		8 60
Black, Herbert		54 00
Brock, J. W.		5 20
Curtis, Hollis F.		2 80
Curtis, Charles U.		7 45
Curtis, Fred H.		2 60
Chase, B.		1 60
Clements, T. D.		4 20
Clements, E. E.		9 00
Colson, Eli		4 80
Coffin, James		1 00
Card, A. J.		4 50
Downs, W. S.		13 80
Dorr, Thomas		9 40
Dow, W. N.		9 00
Dickey, L. H.		4 00
Decrow, F. P.		16 20

Paid Decrow, J. S.	2 00
Eames, C. A.	4 50
Eaton, L. C.	5 25
George, Will	7 30
Gilkey & Son, W. R.	22 50
Grinnell, Ernest	2 00
Howard, Ellsworth	3 90
Hill, John	4 40
Hill, C. F.	4 40
Harriman, P.	5 10
Innes, John	4 00
Kneeland, J. Henry	1 00
Ladd, John	6 40
Littlefield, John H.	11 50
Lowe, R. B.	5 40
Lenfest, C. F.	2 20
Moody, W. S.	6 10
Merrithew, A. L.	18 40
Maddocks, H.	4 00
Marden, James E.	5 70
Nickerson, Eugene	2 00
Nickerson, E. A. & J. M.	11 60
Nickerson, David	7 20
Peaslee, M. H.	3 60
Rich, Thomas	16 20
Robertson, Dan'l	3 90
Robertson, C. E.	5 00
Ridley, S. L.	24 12
Smart, Elden G.	3 40
Smart, W.	10 95
Sylvester, Geo. E.	11 30
Sargent, E. A.	28 95
Sargent, Mial	2 80
Seekins, G. A.	9 50
Stone, J. S.	6 40
Shute, E. N.	1 50

Paid Stevens, S. S.	3 00	
Stevens, J. D.	3 30	
Stevens, G. H.	3 60	
Savery, E. L.	9 50	
Sweetser, Jerry	4 60	
Towers, M. W.	17 80	
Thompson, C. F.	4 80	
Thompson, C. W.	4 00	
Thompson, E. W.	6 00	
Thompson, H. H.	2 60	
Trundy, Chester M.	5 60	
Ward, E. F.	4 40	
Ward, M. C.	11 60	
Woods, Charles A.	22 80	
Whitcomb, O. W.	8 40	
West, W. H.	11 00	
West, W. N.	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$561 52

SIDEWALKS

Abner Warren, labor,	\$ 1 80	
H. W. Chapman, freight on plank,	18 00	
Morse & Co., plank,	216 95	
J. B. Black, labor,	10 00	
Clifton Whittum, labor,	15 70	
W. R. Gilkey & Son, plank,	17 33	
A. E. Trundy, plank,	8 30	
Geo. E. Merrill, plank,	88 45	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies,	27 43	
E. C. Pike, plank and sleepers,	22 11	
H. E. Robbins, plank,	5 58	
Geo. S. Sargent, labor,	1 00	
Manley Foote, labor,	1 30	
Mrs. F. A. Carver, plank,	36 79	
	<hr/>	\$470 74

SUMMARY OF ROAD BILLS

Roads, labor,	\$2,758 43	
Winter breaking,	561 52	
Sidewalks,	470 74	
	<hr/>	\$3,790 69
Plank on hand,		\$90 00

STATE ROAD

Paid Mark Porter,	labor,	\$ 26 25	
Ralph I. Mortland,	"	10 00	
F. I. Mortland, logs and	"	30 00	
J. M. Ausplund,	"	38 75	
G. H. Ausplund,	"	39 39	
B. H. Elkins,	"	33 25	
Thomas Rich,	"	42 75	
Timothy Porter,	"	39 15	
W. N. West,	"	30 00	
F. P. Decrow,	"	54 00	
F. I. Mortland,	"	60 00	
E. L. Savery,	"	50 00	
E. K. Blake,	"	33 00	
W. S. Downes,	"	76 00	
A. A. Ausplund,	"	17 10	
W. N. West,	"	6 60	
C. F. Hill,	"	20 00	
C. A. Eames, gravel,		32 00	
Ralph I. Mortland,	"	8 00	
C. A. Eames, gravel,		16 00	
C. F. Hill,	"	9 00	
F. W. Webber,	"	15 70	
H. R. Dyer, sand,		10 00	
A. A. Ausplund,	"	7 20	
F. F. Floyd,	"	13 75	
J. L. Cunningham, labor, logs and sand,		25 20	
		<hr/>	\$743 09
Received from State,			369 14

TOWN'S POOR

R. B. Ward, care of	B. C. Towle,	\$140 95
F. E. Stinson, supplies for	"	4 44
Clement & Adams, clothes for	"	1 70
W. M. Parse, supplies for	"	4 85
F. E. Stinson, clothes for	"	9 36
R. B. Ward,	care of Al. George,	30 00
Fred A. Small, care of	"	55 00
F. A. Nye, cot bed for	"	1 50
F. E. Stinson, supplies for	"	1 59
Clement & Adams, clothes for	"	11 25
E. C. Pike, groceries for	"	9 75
C. H. McHelenery, services at funeral of Al. George,		5 00
Thomas Rich, digging grave of Al. George,		3 00
F. A. Nye, burial of Al. George,		29 00
Mrs. James E. Marden, care of Chas. Seavey,		112 00
F. E. Stinson, supplies for Chas. Seavey,		2 50
F. E. Whitcomb & Son, groceries for Blake family,		127 95
Town of Pittsfield, supplies for Henry Blood,		5 21
J. W. Wheaton, supplies for C. A. Chisholm family,		17 34
L. M. Kneeland, care of Fred Carr,		100 00
F. A. Curtis, supplies for R. M. Young and family,		4 80
F. I. Mortland, looking up res. of W. McMahan,		3 60
James P. Nichols,	" " "	1 90
F. I. Mortland, received from the State, as below,		7 50
James P. Nichols,	" " "	7 50

 \$697 69

Received from the State Legislature on account of paupers,	138 66
Received from town of Hermon for R. M. Young,	15 36

INSANITY

Maine Insane Hospital, Augusta,	Fred Matthews,	\$ 32 50
"	"	39 65
"	"	39 90
"	"	54 31
"	"	12 41

 \$178 77

MEMORIAL SERVICE

J. W. Black, quarter-master of Freeman McGilvery Post, G. A. R., as per bill rendered,	\$ 50 00
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SEARSPORT ELECTRIC CO.

Street lights, 32 lights for year, one light for fraction,	\$487 50
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SEARSPORT WATER CO.

For use of hydrants,	\$1,280 00
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CIRCULATING LIBRARY

For books,	\$ 5 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Henry F. Partridge, janitor,	\$ 21 97
Searsport Coal Co., coal,	11 15
E. C. Pike, wood,	6 85
Searsport Elec. Co.,	10 20
Searsport Hose Co.,	213 00
A. L. Mosman, fire ward, etc.,	10 20
James Coffin, fire ward, etc.,	9 20
G. C. Fiske, supplies,	3 00
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	\$285 57

CLOSSON ROAD

Land from C. M. Closson,	\$ 25 00
Land from John Murphy,	100 00
M. W. Towers, for building road,	125 00
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	\$250 00

HOSE HOUSE AT PARK

J. C. Blanchard, for building same,	\$200 00
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FIRE HOSE

W. A. Darling,	\$228 10
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DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Frank A. Curtis, for 10 % discount '09,	\$1,507 63	
“ “ 5 % discount '09,	65 72	
	<hr/>	\$1,573 35

ABATEMENTS

B. F. Colcord, collector '08,	\$ 48 60
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TAX DEEDS

Frank A. Curtis, collector '09,	\$109 78
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TOWN HOUSE

A. E. Trundy, lumber and shingles,	\$50 20	
Geo. P. Carter, labor,—	31 50	
Mial Sargent, lumber,	30 60	
J. E. Wentworth, labor,	7 00	
John W. Black, “	51 95	
Clifton Whittum, “	63 00	
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies,	14 13	
A. E. Trundy, lumber,	15 45	
W. P. Rich, labor,	3 00	
Charles L. Merrithew, labor,	9 80	
	<hr/>	\$ 276 63

UNION HALL

Harry Merrithew, labor,	\$ 5 75	
Searsport Elec. Co., lights,	73 92	
Searsport Coal Co., coal,	51 67	
M. A. Cook, labor,	2 00	
M. F. Wentworth, labor,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$137 34
Received for rent of hall, etc.,		196 10

TOWN OFFICERS

F. I. Mortland, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$ 165 00
Clifton Whittum, " " "	125 00
James P. Nichols, " " "	150 00
Alonzo J. Knowlton, superintendent of schools,	200 00
Mildred Shute, librarian,	25 00
W. M. Parse, town clerk,	15 00
C. O. Sawyer, town treasurer,	60 00
Frank A. Curtis, collector of taxes,	327 82
James A. Colson, auditor,	6 00
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	\$1,073 82

At the last annual Town Meeting they raised \$200.00 for Superintendent of Schools.

INCIDENTALS

W. F. Langill Printing Co., printing orders and vouchers,	\$ 3 25
F. A. Small, killing brown-tail moths,	1 00
W. F. Langill Printing Co., printing town reports,	35 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, assessors' book,	6 00
F. A. Nye, chairs for office,	5 40
Mason & Hall, parts for road machine,	37 75
Manley Foot, cleaning office,	50
Thomas Wagner, truant officer for 1908,	10 00
Dr. Hines, recording births and deaths,	3 00
Elmer Webster, posting warrants and feeding tramps,	4 00
Est. of G. F. Smith, rent of office to May 1st, 1909,	20 00
Nemiah Roulston, watching fire,	1 50
W. F. Langill Printing Co., printing for office,	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, tax collector's book,	1 20
F. N. Treat, painting signs,	7 50
F. B. Smith, crayon for schools,	2 76
Howard & Brown, diplomas for high school,	4 80
W. F. Langill Printing Co., printing for schools,	4 50

A. J. Knowlton, freight bills for schools,	4 99
C. M. Conant, parts for road machine,	10 85
J. F. Coffin, watching fire,	2 40
G. A. Bowen, watching fire,	2 00
J. B. Black, making auto. signs,	6 79
Elmer Webster, collecting dog tax,	9 00
J. W. Smart, watering trough,	3 00
Clifton Whittum, labor on road machine,	6 25
Elmer Webster, watching July 3-4, '09,	5 00
Geo. M. Sweetsir, watching July 3-4, '09,	5 00
Warren M. Nickerson, watering trough,	3 00
W. P. Sargent, killing brown-tail moths,	2 00
Richard Swift, watching July 3-4, '09,	5 00
W. R. Gilkey & Son, teams for town use,	32 00
Searsport Savings Bank, interest on town orders,	1 27
C. M. Conant, parts for road machine,	8 00
D. N. Mortland, legal advice from 1905 to 1909,	65 00
A. N. Carr, watching fire,	2 00
Thomas Howe, watching fire,	3 00
Eastern S. S. Co., freight on fire hose, deducted from bill,	1 90
H. W. Nickerson, watching fire,	2 00
W. F. Langill Printing Co., printing for town use,	3 00
Lester Eaton, sheep killed by dogs,	20 00
E. C. Pike, food for tramps,	2 04
W. E. Grinnell, care of tramps,	7 00
J. S. Nickerson, watering trough,	3 00
Carl Howard, watching July 3-4-5, '09,	5 75
Searsport National Bank, interest on town orders,	28 56
W. S. Curtis, watching fire,	2 00
Dr. S. C. Pattee, town physician for 3 years,	60 00
Dr. S. C. Pattee, returns of births and deaths,	25 00
Dr. B. E. Larrabee, returns of births and deaths,	4 50
Est. of G. F. Smith, rent of office to Nov. 1st, 1909,	20 00
Searsport Board of Trade, paper and stamped envelopes,	3 00
James P. Nichols, stamps, tel. and sundries,	5 15
Chester Clark, watching July 4-5, '09,	5 00
A. J. Knowlton, trucking on lumber for schools,	2 00

A. J. Knowlton, freight on books,	4 89
Village Cem. Assn., care of lots,	5 00
J. W. Brock, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
W. H. Ames, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
E. J. Ames, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
W. C. Pendleton, deed for Harbor Hose House,	1 50
J. S. Nickerson, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
J. H. Kneeland, sheep killed by dogs,	24 00
John Ames, repairs on road machine,	16 35
Lawrence Hamilton, watching fire,	2 00
Fred J. Swift, watching fire,	2 00
E. A. Sargent, trucking, freight, etc.,	2 45
A. E. Rogers, legal services,	5 00
Ralph Felker, work at fire,	1 00
Antonio Croce, watching fire,	2 00
Elmer Webster, care of tramps,	3 50
Fred E. Stinson, school supplies,	1 15
L. E. Knott Apr. Co., freight on supplies,	25
C. H. Monroe, supplies for schools,	3 80
Thomas Rich, labor on sewer,	5 75
James B. Sweetser, painting town house,	13 50
Timothy Porter, labor on sewer,	5 00
John C. Blanchard, moderator for 1909,	4 00
J. E. Marden, watering trough,	3 00
Thomas Rich, labor on sewer,	9 12
Florence M. Smart, school supplies,	1 00
C. M. Closson, labor on foot bridge,	8 50
C. O. Sawyer & Co., supplies for town use,	63 75
W. M. Parse, stamps,	58
W. M. Parse, recdg. births and deaths,	12 65
Searsport Coal Co., wharfage,	1 00
C. A. Whittier, rocks for fence,	2 00
James P. Nichols, stamps, express, envelopes,	4 85
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.,	3 65
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies for schools,	19 07
J. L. Hammett & Co., " " "	8 05



D. H. Knowlton, supplies for schools,	4 00
J. D. Stevens, labor at fire,	1 00
L. E. Knott Appar. Co., supplies for schools,	81 98
A. J. Knowlton, freight and cartage,	3 13
City of Belfast, supplies for schools,	4 47
Geo. W. Partridge, sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
Ellery Bowden, registering deeds,	1 50
Est. of Geo. F. Smith, supplies for office,	1 74
A. L. Mosman, labor on hydrants and Union Hall,	5 45
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	\$ 895 24

SUMMARY OF BILLS PAID BY THE SELECTMEN DURING THE YEAR

Common schools,	\$2,987 75
Free High School,	1,017 00
Repairs and furnishings for school houses,	401 14
School books,	162 65
Roads and sidewalks,	3,790 69
State road,	743 09
Town's poor,	697 69
Insanity,	178 77
Memorial service,	50 00
Searsport Electric Co.,	487 50
Searsport Water Co.,	1,280 00
Circulating library,	5 00
Fire department,	285 57
Closson road,	250 00
Hose house at Park,	200 00
Fire house,	228 10
Discount on taxes,	1,573 35
Abatements,	48 60
Tax deeds,	109 78
Town house,	276 63
Union hall,	137 34
Town officers,	1,073 82
Incidentals,	895 24
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	\$16,879 71

REPORT OF B. F. COLCORD

Uncollected taxes, Feb. 20, 1908,		\$199 55
Paid in to treasurer,	\$ 91 18	
Abatements,	48 60	
Balance uncollected,	59 77	
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REPORT OF F. A. CUTLER, COLLECTOR

Amount of 1909 taxes committed,	\$16,854 39	
1909 supplemental tax,	60 00	
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Paid C. O. Sawyer, treasurer,		16,651 80
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Balance due Feb. 14, 1910,		\$ 262 59

Consisting of uncollected taxes as advertised in this report.

Treasurer's Report

C. O. SAWYER, Town Treasurer.

RECEIPTS

Amount on hand from 1908,	\$ 3 54
Received of B. F. Colcord, on account of 1908 tax,	139 78
" B. F. Colcord, on account of abatement in error of tax,	3 00
" F. A. Curtis, collector on account 1909 tax,	16,651 80
" A. T. Peabody, on account of tax deed,	10 00
" H. C. Buzzell, on account of tax deed on Peabody place,	19 07
" for rent of Union Hall,	196 10
" of F. E. Whitcomb, error in bill,	5 00
" from town of Hermon, account R. M. Young,	13 14
" town of Hermon, account R. M. Young,	2 22
" A. M. Kane, auctioneer's license,	2 00
" C. A. Chisholm, rent of pest house,	12 00
" Clifton Whittum, lumber from town house,	14 40
" of A. J. Knowlton, tuition of Velma Grant,	3 00
" A. J. Knowlton, tuition of Nellie Carter,	3 00
" A. J. Knowlton, damage on books,	46
" W. M. Parse, town clerk, dog licenses '09,	95 00
" A. E. Brown, for billiard hall license,	10 00
" Searsport Nat'l Bank, interest on deposits,	35 11
" Boston Ins. Co., for loss under Policy No. 537194,	29 37
" State treasurer, free high school for 1908,	125 00
" " free high school, for 1909,	250 00
" " dog licenses 1908 refunded,	58 18
" " on account public library,	8 50
" " " State paupers,	138 66

Received from State treasurer, on account State roads,	369 14
“ “ “ sheep killed by dogs,	20 00
“ “ amount State pensions,	468 00
“ “ “ R. R. & Tel. tax,	28 75
“ “ “ school fund and mill tax,	1,404 06
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	\$20,118 28

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid State treasurer, amount of State tax of 1909,	\$ 2,236 94
“ “ pensions of 1909,	468 00
“ “ dog licenses,	95 00
county treasurer, county tax of 1909,	1,169 10
outstanding orders of 1908,	958 42
town orders of 1909,	15,103 56
Nat'l Bank for rent of deposit box,	2 50
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	\$20,033 52
Cash in treasury, Feb. 17, 1910,	84 76
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	\$20,118 28

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

James Staples fund, cash in Belfast Savings Bank,	\$ 250 00
Samuel and William Butman, “ “	150 00
Mary A. Nichols fund, one share Searsport Nat'l Bank stock,	100 00
Cyrus True fund, \$1000 B. & A. R. R. bond valued at \$970 and \$30.00 in Searsport Savings Bank,	1000 00
Jeremiah Merithew fund,	100 00
John C. Beal, “	150 00
Daniel Sullivan, “	100 00
Samuel Curtis, Jr., “	100 00
Chas. F. Gordon, “	100 00
Abbie J. Sargent, “	100 00
B. F. Pendleton, “	1000 00
Jas. G. Pendleton, “	200 00

Jas. W. Mosman,	fund,	100 00
Harriet H. McGilvery,	"	100 00
Lydia C. Carver,	"	34 00
Hannah C. McGilvery,	"	200 00
John W. McGilvery,	"	150 00
Putman Simonton,	"	100 00
Amos H. Ellis,	"	75 00
B. F. & E. M. Stevens,	"	50 00
D. S. Goodell,	"	125 00
Otis Black,	"	100 00
John Sullivan,	"	50 00
G. W. Hichborn,	"	200 00
Eli O. Colson,	"	25 00
Joseph Pendleton,	"	100 00
Joseph Park,	"	100 00
M. P. Erskine,	"	100 00
David Towle,	"	50 00
Joseph Wallnutt,	"	100 00
Edna Black,	"	100 00
C. F. Hill,	"	100 00
Mary Kane,	"	50 00
Jas. H. Pendleton,	"	75 00
Mrs. Evalina Carver,	"	100 00
Geo. W. Colson,	"	100 00
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		\$5,634 00

CYRUS TRUE TRUST FUNDS

Balance of Searsport library fund,	\$462 80	
Balance of No. Searsport church fund,	386 77	
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		\$849 57

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FEB. 14, 1910

ASSETS

Due from B. F. Colcord, col. 1908,	\$ 59 77
" F. A. Curtis, col. 1909,	262 59
" C. O. Sawyer, treas.,	84 76
Tax deeds and receipts, valued at	150 00
Sidewalk plank on hand,	90 00
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	\$647 12

LIABILITIES

Outstanding orders,	\$1,776 15
Making an overdraft of	\$1,129 03.
Unexpended Free High School,	196 70

The cause of part of the outstanding orders is the deficit in common schools of \$1,389.01 and discount on taxes of \$273.35.

We respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year :—

For common schools,	\$1500 00
free high school,	800 00
poor and other town expenses,	2000 00
highway,	2500 00
repairs on sidewalks,	400 00
school books,	200 00
supplies and incidentals,	100 00
repairs on school houses,	450 00
winter breaking,	700 00
superintendent of schools,	200 00

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK I. MORTLAND,	} Selectmen of Searsport.
CLIFTON WHITTUM,	
JAMES P. NICHOLS,	

I have examined the foregoing accounts and vouchers for same, recast the bills, and find all correct, and believe the foregoing to represent the true financial condition of the town at the present time.

JAMES A. COLSON, Town Auditor.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES FOR 1909

Percy Brock,	\$ 3 00
Albert Card,	3 00
Stephen Card,	3 00
F. D. Conners,	1 10
Albert Dix,	3 00
C. P. Flinton,	3 00
Benj. Gerry,	4 65
W. Hamilton,	5 20
Frank Hamilton,	3 00
Lawrence Hamilton,	3 00
R. B. Lowe,	3 00
A. P. Lord,	3 00
Reed Lowell,	4 65
G. W. Larson,	3 00
J. Morrow,	3 00
Lewis Rich,	3 00
Arthur Ridley,	3 00
Fred Swift,	4 10
Isaac Wallace,	3 00
H. Goodwin,	3 00
B. Elkins,	3 00
Chas. Grindell,	3 00
John Downs,	3 00
Bert Weymouth,	3 00
Herbert Pease,	3 00
Jos. Keller,	3 00
Albert Ripley,	3 00
Geo. Campbell,	3 00
Elmer Engstrom,	3 00
John Lavnski,	3 00
Fractional part of uncollected taxes,	167 89

 \$262 59

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE TOWN OF SEARSPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 14, 1910

MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Dr. B. E. Larrabee (Resigned Nov. 5, 1909)	1912
Capt. B. F. Colcord (Elected to fill vacancy by Committee)	
Mr. E. A. Buker,	1911
Capt. F. I. Pendleton,	1910

ORGANIZATION

Chairman, Dr. B. E. Larrabee, (B. F. Colcord after Nov. 5th)
Text Book Committee, Chairman and Supt. of Schools.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1909-1910

April 12, 1909—Spring term opened.

June 18—Spring term closed and High School graduation.

Sept. 7—Fall term opened.

Nov. 24—Fall term closed.

Dec. 13—Winter term opened.

March 4, 1910—Winter term closes.

March 21—Spring term opens.

June 10—Spring term closes and High School graduation.

Holidays—Memorial Day, May 31; County Teachers' Association, June 1; State Teachers' Association, Oct. 28-29; Thanksgiving Day and Friday following.

LIST OF TEACHERS

Name	School	Term	Salary per Week
John A. Scott, Prin.	High	Spring	\$20 00
Prances E. Jose, Asst.	"	Spring	10 00
Alfred C. Blake, Prin.	"	Fall and Winter	25 00
Joanna C. Colcord, Asst.	"	Fall	10 00
Louise F. Hall, Asst.	"	Winter	10 00
Ethel M. Dodge,	Grammar	Spring	9 00
Ethel M. Dodge,	Grammar	Fall and Winter	10 00
Florence Scott,	Intermediate	Spring	9 00
Ida B. Macdonald,	Intermediate	Fall and Winter	10 00
A. Theodate Merithew,	Primary	Spring	9 00
Agnes A. Williams,	Primary	Fall and Winter	10 00
Abbie Chase,	Nichols	Three terms	9 00
Lillias G. Ford,	Park	Spring	6 00
Lillias G. Ford,	Park	Fall and Winter	7 00
Priscilla Nichels,	Porter	Three terms	8 00
Emma Nichels,	Mt. Ephraim	"	8 00
Ava F. Kingsbury,	No. Searsport	"	8 00

Statement of school account for year ending Feb. 14, 1910.

COMMON SCHOOLS

ASSETS

Amount raised by town last meeting,	\$1,500 00
Mill tax, etc., from State,	1,404 06
Tuition in No. Searsport, fall term,	6 00
Damage to books,	46
Total resources,	<hr/> \$2,910 52

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' salaries,	\$2,130 00	
*Transportation,	513 00	
*Tuition,	38 50	
Fuel,	157 60	
Janitor,	148 65	
Deficit from 1908,	1,311 78	
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Total disbursements,		4,299 53
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Overdraft of		\$1,389 01

HIGH SCHOOL

Unexpended last year,	\$338 70	
Raised by town,	500 00	
State aid for 1908,	125 00	
State aid,	250 00	
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Total resources,		\$1,213 70
Paid for salaries,		1,017 00
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Balance,		\$196 70

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

*FREE TEXT BOOKS

Amount raised by town,	\$150 00	
Amount expended,	162 65	
(\$17.34 of this was for bills of 1907-8)		
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Overdraft of		\$12 65

*REPAIRS

Amount raised by town,	\$450 00	
Received from Insurance Company,	29 37	
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Total resources,		\$479 37
Amount expended,		410 94
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Balance,		\$ 68 43
Supplies purchased by vote of committee,		142 89

*Included in these accounts are bills of contraction previous to March 1, 1909, as follows: Transportation, \$6.00; tuition, \$15.50; books, \$17.34; repairs, \$5.00; apparatus, \$.25 total of \$44.09, also cost of fire escape of \$60.65. This leaves a balance of \$12.10 to the credit of the school account on this year's expenses.

ESTIMATES FOR COMING YEAR

General school purposes,	\$1500 00
High school,	800 00
Free text books,	200 00
Supplies and incidentals,	100 00
Repairs,	450 00

Furnishings; viz., desks for primary room and teachers' desks for primary, grammar and high school, \$175.

We also recommend that the town take some action relative to heating the Union school house.

B. F. COLCORD,	} School Committee
E. A. BUKER,	
F. I. PENDLETON,	
	of
	Searsport.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

FOR THE TOWN OF SEARSPORT FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 14, 1910

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:—

I hereby submit my first annual report of the Searsport public schools for the year ending Feb. 14, 1910.

It is the purpose of this report to state briefly the past year's local school history together with the hopes and needs of the coming year as well as some recommendations.

The school census taken last April shows 343 children in town between the ages of five and twenty-one.

The schools opened April 12 with the following teachers in charge; viz., John A. Scott, principal of high school with Frances E. Jose as assistant; Ethel M. Dodge, grammar school; Florence Scott, intermediate; A. Theodate Merithew, primary; Ava F. Kingsbury, North Searsport; Emma Nichels, Mt. Ephraim; Priscilla Nichels, Porter; Abbie Chase, Nichols; and Lillias G. Ford, Park. This term was ten weeks.

There was little change in the classification or grading of the schools till near the close of the spring term when the question of promotion came up. It was the opinion of the School Committee that the schools should receive a closer grading similar to that of other school systems and they so instructed the superintendent. The classification made has proved fairly satisfactory to all concerned.

An effort has been made to raise the standard and efficiency of the work in our schools. We are pleased to report that we are meeting with success. It must be remembered that growth is a slow process.

The work of the spring and fall terms has had little interruption while the present winter term has been broken up by many absences caused by severe colds.

The schools were closed Tuesday, June 1st for the teachers to attend the County Teachers' Association held at Islesboro and again on Oct. 27 and 28 for those teachers who attended the State Teachers' Association held at Lewiston.

During the first half of the present winter term, the noon intermission was made one hour, but so many were tardy that it was thought best to change back to the old schedule—one and one-half hours.

During the winter term, one of the teachers, Miss Williams, was engaged to have charge of the pupils, during the noon hour, who came on the transport teams and such others as brought their dinners. This has been a decided gain in conduct about the school building and care of same. A system of filing has been inaugurated in the Union schools which improves the conditions of passing and very much diminished the chances of collisions.

The School Improvement League, composed of teacher and pupils of the grammar school, has purchased a beautiful oak teacher's desk for their room. This room ought to have adjustable desks for the pupils. We hope that the town will feel that they can replace the old desks in one or more of these rooms. All of the rooms need them and by fixing one or two rooms each year the school buildings would soon be equipped with suitable desks. The teachers should have desks in place of the rickety old tables now in use.

TEACHERS

The teachers have been conscientious and faithful to their trusts, having the best interest of the schools constantly in mind. There has been hearty co-operation on the part of all that the very best might be done for the children.

At the close of the year or spring term, several vacancies occurred; viz., principal and assistant of high school, intermediate and primary schools. These positions were filled as follows: principal of high school, Alfred C. Blake; assistant in high school for fall term, Joanna C. Colcord and winter term, Louise F. Hall; Ida B. Macdonald in intermediate and Agnes A. Williams in the primary. Ethel Dodge, grammar; Abbie Chase, Nichols; Lillias G. Ford, Park; Priscilla Nickels, Porter; Emma Nickels, Mt. Ephraim; and Ava F. Kingsbury, North Searsport have remained in the same school for the year.

All of the teachers have had previous experience and all but two have had normal school or college training. Three teachers are normal graduates and hold life State teachers' certificates.

At the election of teachers, the salary in some of the schools was raised.

SCHOOL BOOKS

The text books throughout the town have been examined and numbered so that a record might be had and each school charged with the books there in use. We plan to get a uniform system of books for the town as fast as it seems practicable. At present many of the books are in very bad condition and should be replaced by new ones.

The "Rational Method of Reading" has been introduced into all the schools, and books covering the first, second and third grades have been purchased as well as teachers' manuals and sets of phonetic cards. This method is not entirely new to the town as some of the primers were found in two schools and were in use in one.

Some books have been purchased for the high school, including two dictionaries, French books, Latin composition, English books, Algebras and others.

The remainder of books purchased consists of geographies, histories, grammars, readers, etc., to supply enough for the classes then using the books. These were the same as those before introduced into the schools.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

All the school buildings were cleaned and out-houses cleansed during the vacation. Various kinds of repairs have been made to the school buildings throughout the town. A window was placed in the North Searsport school house with some other repairs, quite a little was done to the outside of the Porter school house owing to the decay of the corner post and sills.

The rear wall of the Nichols school house was repaired and the wood room and out-buildings of the Union district, a fire

escape has been added to the Union school house to meet the State law requirements and save our mill tax. Quite extensive repairs have been started in order to supply the high school with a room for the physical and chemical laboratories. This is also to meet a State requirement for high schools.

The cost of this thus far has been for the raw material for nearly all the work has been done by the principal with the assistance of the boys of the high school and some interested gentlemen of the town.

NEEDED REPAIRS

The repairs for the high school laboratories should be completed. This implies three roof windows, the room sheathed overhead and a flight of stairs made that will make the room in the attic easier to reach. We think that \$125 ought to complete this work.

The Porter school should be supplied with a wood house and new out-buildings. The out-buildings should be so arranged that they could be entered only from the school room, thus they would be under the control of the teacher. The school building should be painted inside and outside. The Mt. Ephraim school building is in need of paint as well as the finish of the Union district building.

The out-buildings at the Nichols' school should be repaired, or better, new ones connected with the school room should be constructed.

Many of the schools are in need of desks for pupils and teacher. I would suggest that the following schools be supplied with single adjustable desks—primary and grammar rooms.

The primary rooms should have thirty-five desks which will cost, set up in the building, \$3.85 each or \$134.75 for the room; and the grammar room needs forty desks costing \$4.25 set up or \$170 for the room. Teachers' desks can be purchased for \$13 each.

HIGH SCHOOL

The high school for the spring term was under the management of John A. Scott and Florence Jose as assistant; the fall and winter terms under Alfred C. Blake with Joanna C. Colcord assistant for the fall term and Louise F. Hall for the winter term.

In accordance with the new high school law, an application was made for a class C high school. This was made on the ground that we had but 30 weeks in our school year. The State department returned the application with the suggestion that we lengthen our school year, make some provision for laboratory work in physics and chemistry, make a few changes in the course of study submitted and then make a new application for a class A or B school. This matter was discussed by the Committee who voted to make the school year 36 weeks. They also voted to purchase some of the necessary apparatus and provide room for a laboratory. On the strength of this, application was made for a class A high school and a certificate of approval was granted Oct. 13, 1909 with the understanding that apparatus and laboratories should be supplied. Some apparatus has been purchased and the laboratories are well along. We trust that we shall be supplied with the necessary funds to complete the minimum requirements.

See under school houses, repairs and principal's report.

To meet further this State requirement of high schools, the high school course of study must be approved by the State Inspector of High Schools. The following course of study was prepared, presented and approved.

COURSE OF STUDY IN SEARSPORT HIGH SCHOOL

ENGLISH COURSE

FIRST TERM

First Year		Second Year		Third Year		Fourth Year	
Algebra	5	Geometry	5	Physics	5	Chemistry	5
Ancient and		Modern and		French	5	French	5
Med. Hist.	5	Eng. Hist.	5			Am. Hist. and Civics	4
English	5	English	5	English	4	English	3
Phys. Geog.	5	Geology	5	Advan. Alg.	5	Review Math. and	
						Com. Arith.	3

SECOND TERM

Algebra	5	Geometry	5	Physics	5	Chemistry	5
Anc. and Med.		Mod. and Eng.				Am. Hist. and Civics	4
History	5	History	5	French	5	French	5
Phys. Geog.	5	Geology	5	Advan. Alg.	5	Review Math. and	
Com. Geog.		Botany		Solid Geom.		Com. Arith.	3
English	5	English	4	English	4	English	3

THIRD TERM

Algebra	5	Geometry	5	Physics	5	Chemistry	5
Anc. and Med.		Modern and				Am. Hist. and Civics	4
History	5	Eng. Hist.	5	French	5	French	5
English	5	English	4	English	4	English	3
Com. Geog.	5	Botany	5	Solid Geom.	5	Review Math. and	
						Com. Arith.	3

COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE

FIRST TERM

English	5	English	4	English	4	Eng.	3
Anc. and Med.		Mod. and Eng.		Advan. Alg.	5	Am. Hist. and Civics	4
History	5	History	5	French	5	French	5
Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5
Algebra	5	Geometry	5			Phys. or Chem.	5

SECOND TERM

English	5	English	4	English	4	English	3
Anc. and Med.		Mod. and Eng.		Advan. Alg.	5	Am. Hist. and Civics	4
History	5	History	5	Solid Geom.		Phys. or Chem.	5
Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5
Algebra	5	Geometry	5	French	5	French	5

THIRD TERM

English	5	English	5	English	4	English	3
Anc. and Med.		Mod. and Eng.		Solid Geom.	5	Am. Hist. and Civics	4
History	5	History	5	French	5	French	5
Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5	Latin	5
Algebra	5	Geometry	5			Phys. or Chem.	5

NOTE. The figures after the studies indicate the number of recitations per week.

The average length of the periods being about 30 minutes.

Approved October, 1909.

COURSE OF STUDY

On June 19, 1909, the School Committee voted to adopt, for the schools of Searsport, the course of study prepared by the superintendent for the Belfast public schools.

The printed course of study has been placed in the hands of all teachers and same has been followed as closely as practicable. It seems that our present course should be enriched by the introduction of music and drawing.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

The record of examination of sight and hearing, made by teachers, in compliance with State law stands as follows: Number of children with defective eyes, 21, defective hearing, 9 and parents notified, 18.

ATTENDANCE

FOR YEAR ENDING Feb. 14, 1910.

School	SPRING TERM		FALL TERM		WINTER TERM
	No. Reg.	Av. Att.	No. Reg.	Av. Att.	No. Reg.
High	31	28.7	37	35.1	33
Grammar	32	31	35	31.6	36
Intermediate	25	22.6	22	18.7	23
Primary	28	21.1	30	25.2	26
Nichols	19	15.8	26	21.1	19
Park	12	11.2	14	11	10
Porter	17	14	22	15	23
Mt. Ephraim	13	12	12	10	13
No. Searsport	14	11.2	19	16.5	16

546 instances of tardiness were reported for the spring and fall terms. It seems that parents ought to make an effort to teach their children punctuality.

CONCLUSION

I take this opportunity to thank all of my teachers who have striven so faithfully and who have co-operated with me in every effort for school improvement ; and to tender to you, Superintending School Committee, sincere thanks for your co-operation, support and assistance in my varied duties. I wish also to extend my thanks to the parents, citizens and children who have assisted in so many ways by their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted.

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,

Supt. of Schools.

Searsport, Me., Feb. 11, 1910.

Searsport, Me., Feb'y 9, 1910.

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON, Supt. of Schools,
Searsport, Maine.

Dear Sir :—I herewith tender my first annual report as Principal of Searsport High School for the municipal year ending Mch. 1st, 1910.

At the beginning of the present year the school had an enrollment of thirty-one pupils as follows: Seniors, 7; Juniors, 11; Sophomores, 10; Unclassified, 3. A class of seven were granted diplomas.

At the opening of the Fall term thirty-seven students were enrolled as follows: Seniors, 12; Juniors, 10; Freshmen, 15.

At the opening of the Winter term this enrollment had changed so that it stood: Seniors, 9; Juniors, 10; Sophomores, 1; Freshmen, 14.

During the present term two more have left, one to go to work and the other has moved out of the State.

At the beginning of the Fall term we found certain undesirable conditions existing in the school and it has been our endeavor to remedy these so far as it has been possible. Some of these conditions have been improved while in other cases three or four years will be required for the accomplishment of the ends sought.

It was early determined to secure, if possible, a class A certificate for the High School. In order to do this it became necessary to meet the requirements of the State. In other words it was necessary

to lengthen the school year to 36 weeks, adopt a course of study approved by the State Supt. of Schools furnish and equip a suitable Laboratory and supply suitable scientific reference books. A start has been made toward securing the conditions necessary and a certificate granted on condition that these shall be brought to completion.

The room formerly used for a recitation room is now serving as a library, shelves having been placed on the walls. The cabinet for the mineral collection has also been placed in this room. Quite an addition to this collection has been presented to the school during the present year. We shall appreciate further gifts of this kind. We are in great need of suitable reference books, for example our encyclopedia has been published more than thirty years. As everyone is aware the school building is not properly or economically heated and I believe the matter should be given consideration before the opening of the Fall term. The saving in fuel and service alone by the installation of a suitable steam heating plant would be sufficient to bring a good return on the money invested. But not the least feature of this plan would be in the better results obtained.

At the same time the writer would recommend the installation of flush closets in the basement thereby doing away with the out-building now situated on the East side of the school building.

There is one matter of importance to the success of school work and that is the unceasing co-operation of the parents. They should visit the rooms where their children attend in order to better understand the conditions necessary to the attainment of the best results. That better results have not been secured might in part be due to the fact that we have received a visit from but one parent since Sept., 1909. Among those who will be unable to be promoted are those pupils who are permitted to spend their evenings otherwise than in study. The use of tobacco is another cause for inability to keep up in school work. We believe parents should look after these matters more carefully.

I desire in closing to thank you and the school board for all assistance rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. BLAKE,

Prin. Searsport High School.